Virtual Public Hearing October 21, 2020 g AM to Noon EDT

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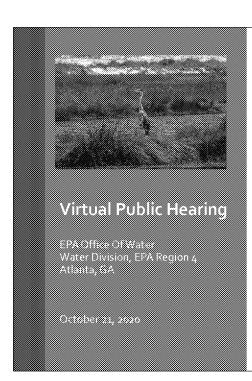
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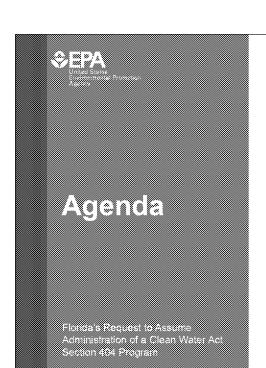
Audio Option for Commenters. If you have registered to provide comments during the hearing, choosing the "Phone call" option in the Audio box of the Control Panel will provide the best sound quality. Be sure to enter the audio PIN provided so that you're ready to be unmuted. See October 20 email from Meredith Outterson for details.











- EPA Opening Remarks
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- Public Comments



# Opening Remarks

Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a Clean Water Act Section 404 Program

# Jeaneanne Gettle

Director, EPA Region 4 Water Division



# EPA Listening Team

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Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a Glean Water Ad Section 464 Program

# **Timeline**

- August 20: EPA receipt of Florida program submission
- <u>September 16</u>: FRN notice of 45-day public comment period
- October 21: First public hearing
- October 27: Second public hearing
- November 2: Close of public comment period



# **EPA Roles in the CWA 404(g) Program Assumption Process**

- Prior to assumption: State/tribal capacity building.
- <u>After receiving assumption request</u>: Evaluate request and approve or disapprove.
- After request is approved: Conduct appropriate oversight.

# To be approved, proposed program must:

- Be consistent with and no less stringent than CWA requirements.
- Have equivalent scope of jurisdiction.
- Regulate at least the same activities.
- Provide sufficient public notice and allow for public participation.
- Ensure compliance with "404(b)(1) Guidelines" regulations.
- Have adequate enforcement authorities.

## **Public Comments and Final Decision**

- Oral comments: October 21 and 27 virtual public hearings.
- Written comments: Submit to EPA docket until November 2.
- EPA consideration of comments:
  - Oral and written comments given equal consideration.
  - · Response to significant comments described in a responsiveness summary.
  - Comments and summary are submitted to EPA Regional Administrator for consideration during approval/disapproval decision.
- EPA final decision:
  - Anticipated by December 17.
  - If request is approved, decision is published in Federal Register, along with the responsiveness summary.



# Public Comment Process

Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a Clean Water Act Section 494 Program

#### Speaker Order

- Each registered commenter has been assigned a Group Number and a Speaker Number (see 10/19/20 email from Meredith Outterson).
- · Speaker order will be displayed on screen.
- You will receive a message shortly before your Speaker Group is called.
- When it is your turn to speak, the moderator will announce your name and your line will be unmuted.



# Public Comment Process

Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a Clean Water Act Section 494 Program

#### **Comment Process**

- You will have 5 minutes to provide comments.
- · Begin by stating your name and affiliation.
- · Use the timer to end within 5 minutes.
- Stay on the line when your comment ends to respond to any EPA questions of clarification.
- If you wish to submit charts, photos, graphics or other visual materials, please upload them to regulations.gov
- Docket No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0640



# Public Comment Process

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#### **Technical Details**

- For best audio quality, use of a headset or connection by phone is recommended when commenting.
  - See 10/19/20 email from Meredith Outterson for details.
  - Join by phone at least 20 minutes prior to anticipated time.
- If an audio issue arises, you will be muted and receive support to solve the issue. We will take your comment after that.
- For any technical difficulties, use the question box to ask for help.



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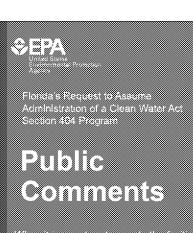
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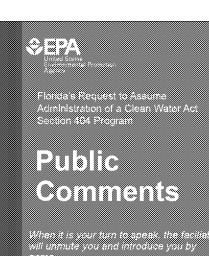


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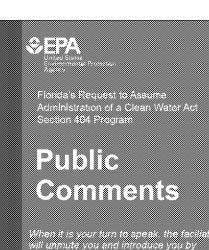


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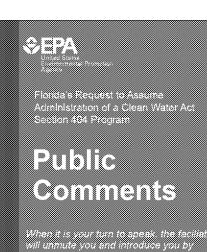


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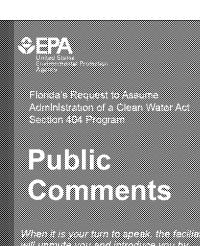


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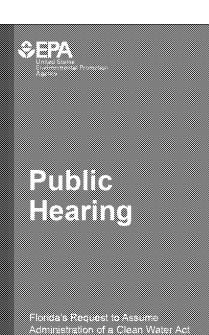
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Section 4 A Property

## This concludes EPA's virtual public hearing for Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a Clean Water Act Section 404 Program

- · For additional information:
  - Contact Mr. Kelly Laycock at: (404) 562-9262 or 404Assumption-FL@epa gov
  - Visit EPA's public notice webpage for this request at: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/notice-floridas-request-assume-administration-clean-water-act-section-404-program-and">https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/notice-floridas-request-assume-administration-clean-water-act-section-404-program-and</a>
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